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## CANADA.

*Inspection of immigrants at Quebec.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon Billings reports as follows: Month of August, 1904: Number of immigrants inspected, 790; number passed, 715; number detained, 75.

## CHINA.

*Report from Hongkong—Communicable diseases—Epidemic of smallpox at Brunai, Borneo.*

Passed Assistant Surgeon White reports, August 8, as follows:

The health report for the week ended August 6, 1904, is as follows: Plague, 13 cases, 12 deaths (all Chinese); cholera, no cases, no deaths; enteric fever, 3 cases, 1 death (2 Europeans, 1 Indian imported from India); smallpox, 2 cases, no deaths (1 European, Portuguese).

It is reported here that a very widespread and virulent epidemic of smallpox is prevailing at Brunai, and that a relief force has been sent out from Singapore. It is feared that the disease will extend to British North Borneo, and to Labuan, which is recovering from plague.

This report has been transmitted to the service representatives at Shanghai and Manila.

*Emigrants recommended for rejection.*

Number of emigrants per steamship *Coptic* recommended, August 2, for rejection: For Honolulu, 6; for San Francisco, 28.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Korea* recommended, August 16, for rejection: For Honolulu, 7; for San Francisco, 43.

## COSTA RICA.

*Report from Limon, fruit port.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports as follows: Week ended September 3, 1904. Estimated population, 4,000; number of deaths, 7; prevailing diseases, malarial fevers and acute nephritis. Many cases of this latter disease have occurred in negro laborers who have been working in the rain and mud on the banana plantations. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fair. The steamship *Brighton* came from New Orleans via Santa Marta, Colombia, from which port she brought a bill of health, giving 15 cases and 1 death of smallpox during the previous two weeks in and around Santa Marta. The captain and medical inspector aboard this vessel report that no one from the ship went ashore in that port. The personnel gave no evidence of infection prior to leaving Limon for New Orleans.